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TITLE OF CASE ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI; UNKNOWN SUBJECT, aka J.W. Harrison		REPORT MADE BY <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></div>	TYPED BY 18W
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REFERENCES

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 2/14/61 at Miami.
 Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 3/6/61 at Los Angeles.
 Los Angeles airtel to Phoenix dated 3/30/61.
 Los Angeles airtel to Washington Field dated 3/28/61.
 Las Vegas airtel to Los Angeles dated 3/17/61.

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Copies of this report are being furnished Chicago, Miami, and Washington Field offices for information inasmuch as they have outstanding investigation in this matter.

With reference to the telephone toll calls charged to J.A. ROLLINS at the Kenilworth Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, in October, 1960, as set out in referenced report of [REDACTED] it is noted that two of the calls were to telephone [REDACTED]

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number WH 3-1155 in Chicago, which is the telephone number of [REDACTED] one of the calls was to the telephone number of [REDACTED] and one was to the Desert Inn Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Both [REDACTED] are close friends of JOHN ROSELLI, aka, who is currently under investigation by the Los Angeles Office as a top hoodlum in the case entitled, "JOHN ROSELLI, aka AR". JOHN ROSELLI receives many telephone calls at the Desert Inn Hotel in Las Vegas. From the above facts, it would appear possible that ROLLINS was trying to contact JOHN ROSELLI in October, 1960. As set out in the attached report, [REDACTED]

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Florida, during October, 1960. Neither [REDACTED] are acquainted with a JOHN A. ROLLINS. The [REDACTED] had no house guests at that time. The person calling the [REDACTED] telephone number could have asked for ROSELLI and as he was not at the [REDACTED] residence then the person answering the telephone at the [REDACTED] residence might not have been advised that the call was from Florida.

ROSELLI left Los Angeles for Las Vegas, Nevada on September 15, 1960, via Western Airlines and is not known to have been in Los Angeles again until November 14, 1960. On [REDACTED] Las Vegas, Nevada, furnished information that he had not observed ROSELLI in or around the Diplomat Apartments for the past two or three weeks. His telephone at the Diplomat Apartments was disconnected on 10/20/60 for non payment of the bill. It has since been reinstalled.

[REDACTED]

The request to interview DON ROWAN, [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California, to determine specifically if SAM GIANCANA had any connection with the wire tapping case

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is set out in Chicago airtel to Las Vegas dated 3/16/61 in the case entitled "SAMUEL M. GIANCANA, aka, AR". U

b7c WFO airtel to Chicago dated 3/22/61 contains a request to interview ROBERT MAHEU who reportedly was to be at 1510 Gilcrest Drive, Beverly Hills, California, for a week commencing about March 22, 1961. On 3/28/61, [REDACTED] an associate of ROBERT MAHEU, 1510 Gilcrest Drive, Beverly Hills, California, advised that MAHEU had left the Los Angeles area on a trip to the East Coast and would probably be in touch with his office in Washington, D.C. Referenced airtel was sent to the Washington Field Office on 3/28/61 requesting them to locate MAHEU for interview. U

b7c On March 30, 1961, [REDACTED] telephonically advised SA [REDACTED] that as of that date, MAHEU was in Tucson, Arizona, and could be reached at telephone number East 5-2294. U

Referenced airtel dated 3/30/61 was sent to Phoenix. The Phoenix Office was furnished with a summary of information in this case and requested to conduct an interview of MAHEU. U

The current telephone directories for the Los Angeles area reflect that the law firm of Cantillon and Cantillon, 441 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California, have two telephone numbers, namely, CR 6-6885 and BR 2-4386. In addition, the residence telephone number of JAMES CANTILLON at 814 [REDACTED] Drive, Beverly Hills, California, is CRestview 5-5878. A request has been made by the Los Angeles Office of the Pacific Telephone Company to obtain the toll calls charged to the above three numbers in October, 1960, to determine whether or not any calls were made to Washington, D.C. U

b7c It has been previously reported in this investigation that on 10/25/60 the hotel room of ROBERT MAHEU, Kenilworth Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, was charged with a telephone toll call to telephone number [REDACTED] in Los Angeles, and that this number was an unpublished number listed to [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] California. U

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b7D As of April 7, 1961, [REDACTED] had not contacted the Los Angeles Office. U

[REDACTED] further stated that for about 1½ to 2 years prior to selling the residence at [REDACTED] in November, 1960, it had been rented to a [REDACTED] who was a uniformed officer of the Los Angeles Police Department. U

[REDACTED] stated that they have no telephone at [REDACTED] U

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On 4/5/61 SE [REDACTED] ascertained that the records of the Retail Merchants Credit Association contained no record identifiable with [REDACTED]

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: (1) Will report the results of a review of telephone toll calls charged to the law offices of Cantillon and Cantillon and to the residence of JAMES CANTILLON, to determine if any calls were made to Washington, D.C. during October, 1960.

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(2) Upon receipt from the General Telephone Company of the identity of the subscriber to telephone number [REDACTED] will conduct investigation to identify this individual and consider interviewing him concerning instant case.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1-USA, Las Vegas.

Report of: [REDACTED] :ism

Office: Los Angeles, California

Date: 4/12/61

Field Office File #: 139-77

Bureau File #: 139-1201

Title: ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI;
UNKNOWN SUBJECT

Character: UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OR USE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Synopsis:

ROBERT MAHEU reported to be in Tucson, Arizona, during first part of April, 1960. Attorneys JAMES J. ARDITTO, Los Angeles, California, and GREGSON BAUTZER, Beverly Hills, California, to whom telephone toll calls were charged to MAHEU's hotel room at Kenilworth Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, in October, 1960, stated they were acquainted with MAHEU but both deny any participation in or knowledge of a wire tap on DAN ROWAN's telephone. DAN ROWAN on reinterview stated that he has never met SAMUEL GIANCANA and never knew of him until an officer of Clark County Sheriff's Office mentioned the name to him in latter part of October, 1960; that he has no information that GIANCANA is connected with instant wire tap, and that PHYLLIS MC GUIRE, who ROWAN plans to marry, knew of no suspects in this case. [REDACTED] was in New York City during October, 1960, and neither he nor his wife could furnish any information concerning a long distance telephone call from Florida during latter part of October, 1960. W

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DETAILS:

ROBERT MAHEU
1510 Gilcrest Drive
Beverly Hills, California

On March 28, 1961, [REDACTED] an associate of ROBERT MAHEU, 1510 Gilcrest Drive, Beverly Hills, California, telephone number CR 1-8770, advised that MAHEU left the Los Angeles area on a trip to the East Coast and that he does not know MAHEU's itinerary, but MAHEU would undoubtedly be in contact with his office in Washington, D.C. u

On March 30, 1961, [REDACTED] telephonically furnished information that he had learned that MAHEU was then residing in Tucson, Arizona, and could be reached through telephone number East 5-2294. The Phoenix Office was advised of the latter information on March 30, 1961, and requested to interview MAHEU at Tucson, Arizona. u

JAMES J. ARDITTO
Attorney at Law
727 West 7th Street
Los Angeles, California

b7c { Information has been previously reported in this investigation that on October 22 and 28, 1960, the room rented by ROBERT MAHEU at the Kenilworth Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, was charged with a telephone toll call to telephone number [REDACTED] which was listed to JAMES J. ARDITTO, [REDACTED] Senda Lane, Flintridge, California. u

The current telephone directories for Los Angeles show that JAMES J. ARDITTO maintains a law office at 727 West 7th Street, Los Angeles, California, and has telephone number [REDACTED]. It is noted that a telephone toll call was charged to MAHEU's room at the Kenilworth Hotel on October 21, 1960, to telephone number [REDACTED]. u

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b7D { The above information was furnished on a confidential basis and should not be discussed without a subpoena duces tecum to the [redacted] attention

[redacted] Special Agent in Charge
[redacted] Los Angeles, California. u

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On 3/29/61 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 139-77
by SE [redacted] :ism Date dictated 4/4/61 b7c

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On April 3, 1961, JAMES J. ARDITTO was interviewed by SA's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. ARDITTO said that he had nothing to do with any type of investigation conducted in Las Vegas in October, 1960, and did not, at that time nor at any other time, have any connection with a case involving the placing of a telephone tap. u

ARDITTO said that he is acquainted with ROBERT MAHEU. He said that he, ARDITTO, has done work for HOWARD HUGHES and various firms connected with HOWARD HUGHES and became acquainted with MAHEU through this work, inasmuch as MAHEU conducts investigations for HOWARD HUGHES. u

ARDITTO recalled that he last saw MAHEU on December 23, 1960, at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel in Beverly Hills, at which time MAHEU was accompanied by GREG BAUTZER. Prior to that, he saw MAHEU in about the middle of October, 1960, or about three weeks prior to the national election in Los Angeles. Both of these meetings were in connection with business interests of HOWARD HUGHES and in no way concerned an investigation in Las Vegas, Nevada. ARDITTO said he has no knowledge of any investigation conducted in Las Vegas, Nevada in October, 1960, by either EDWARD DU BOIS or ROBERT MAHEU. u

ARDITTO said he stopped working for the Howard Hughes Organization on December 24, 1960, when he filed a suit on his own behalf against HUGHES. u

ARDITTO said that he does not know and has never heard of SAMUEL GIANCANA. ARDITTO said that GREG BAUTZER currently does law work for HOWARD HUGHES. u

GREGSON BAUTZER
190 North Canon Drive
Beverly Hills, California

Information has been set out previously in this investigation that on October 12, 24, 28, 1960, the room rented by ROBERT MAHEU at the Kenilworth Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, was charged with telephone toll calls to telephone number

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CR 5-5121, which is listed to the law firm of Bautzer and Grant, 190 North Canon Drive, Beverly Hills, California. ✓

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On April 4, 1961, GREGSON BAUTZER was interviewed at his office by SA W. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and stated that he is well acquainted with ROBERT MAHEU. He said he is aware of the fact that MAHEU spends some time in Florida, but it is not in connection with anything in which BAUTZER is also interested and he added that he does not know the nature of MAHEU's work in Florida. ✓

BAUTZER said that he has no client who requested an investigation be conducted in Las Vegas in October, 1960; that no other person requested him to make arrangements for such an investigation; that he has no knowledge of the fact that a wire tap had been placed on the telephone of DAN ROWAN in Las Vegas, Nevada, and that he is not acquainted with SAM GIANCANA. ✓

[REDACTED] stated that he is an acquaintance of DAN ROWAN. ✓

The current telephone directory for Beverly Hills reflects that the law firm of Bautzer and Grant also has telephone number BR 2-6535. ✓

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On 3/30/61 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 139-77
SE [REDACTED] ism 4/5/61
b7c by [REDACTED] Date dictated [REDACTED]

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It is noted that information has been previously reported in this investigation that during the month of October, from the period of October 11 to 29, 1960, the hotel room of ROBERT MAHEU at the Kenilworth Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, was charged on nearly a daily basis for calls made to telephone number JE 3-7277, Washington, D.C. u

DAN ROWAN

Los Angeles, California

b7c On March 30, 1961, Mr. RALPH PLANT, Braunstein, Chernin and Plant, 449 South Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills, California, advised that this firm is the agent for DAN ROWAN and that ROWAN was then in Montreal, Canada, but was scheduled to return to Beverly Hills in the near future and that he would have ROWAN contact the Los Angeles Office upon his return. u

b7c On April 5, 1961, DAN ROWAN telephonically contacted SA [REDACTED] at which time he advised that he did not believe he had any information of pertinence to add to this investigation and that due to a heavy schedule, he did not see how he could arrange for a personal interview. u

He advised that he first heard of SAM GIANCANA from a [REDACTED] of the Clark County Sheriff's Office in Las Vegas, Nevada, in the latter part of October, 1960, after the wire tap had been found in his room. He said that he has never met GIANCANA. u

He has discussed SAM GIANCANA on one or two occasions with PHYLLIS MC GUIRE, who he stated he plans to marry. He said she was hesitant to discuss GIANCANA and stated that her relationship with GIANCANA took place long ago, no longer existed, and she saw no reason to discuss it. She said that GIANCANA still sends her gifts and flowers, but that this is entirely GIANCANA's idea and she has nothing to do with him. ROWAN said that PHYLLIS MC GUIRE could name no one who she suspected of having installed the wire tap. u

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ROWAN said that he has no information concerning GIANCANA indicating that GIANCANA has any connection with the wire tap. u

b7c He related that a Las Vegas newspaper carried an article concerning this matter, and his former wife, PHYLLIS ROWAN, [redacted] North Hollywood, California, telephone [redacted] called him in Las Vegas and said she had read about the finding of the wire tap and wanted to know about the matter. He said on this occasion he jokingly told his ex-wife that someone had suggested that she might have had the wire tap placed. to which she replied, "I couldn't care less what you do". u

b7c ROWAN said that he does not believe his wife had anything to do with the wire tap. [redacted]

ROWAN stated that should he obtain any information in the future which would have a bearing on this case, he would advise the FBI. u

b7c [redacted] California
Telephone [redacted]

b7c It has previously been reported in this investigation that on October 27, 1960, Room Number 701, Kenilworth Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, which was rented by a J.A. ROLLINS was charged with a toll call to telephone number [redacted] Los Angeles, California, and that this telephone number is listed to [redacted] California. u

b7c On March 29, 1961, [redacted] was interviewed at his residence by SA's [redacted] and [redacted] u

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He said he is not acquainted with a JOHN A. ROLLINS, that he knows of ROBERT MAHEU but does not know him personally, and that he does not recall any telephone call received from Florida during October, 1960. He then recalled that all during the month of October, 1960, he was in New York City

[REDACTED]

b7c { [REDACTED] stated that she has no recollection of having received a long distance telephone call from Florida during October, 1960, that she is not acquainted with JOHN A. ROLLINS, and to the best of her recollection she had no house guest during October, 1960. ~

[REDACTED] advised that he has never requested either ROBERT MAHEU or EDWARD DU BOIS to conduct any investigation in Las Vegas, Nevada. ~